

After calling
Sinclair
Broadcasting's
corporate
headquarters, I feel
little relief in
hearing their
defense of this
program. They
insist that
characterizations of
the program as
"anti-Kerry" are
unfair, but the
timing of their
programming says
otherwise. It is a
political move and
should not be
allowed by the FCC.

I will also express
my complaint to the
FEC.

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They

show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.